

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 100

Office of Attorney General

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	1,104.0	10,379	195,597	205,976
Supplemental Changes				
Boldt Case Litigation				
Additional Workload Funding	.5		110	110
Child Abuse and Neglect	.5		165	165
Health Professions Quality Assurance Databank Checks	.4		109	109
DOH - Health Professions Quality	1.0		302	302
Liquor Distribution Litigation	1.5		410	410
Special Education Litigation	4.0		1,099	1,099
Unfunded Mandates Litigation	1.5	496		496
Fuel Tax Litigation	2.7		555	555
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe v. Washington	.7		236	236
DSHS Juvenile Litigation	1.2		315	315
Tobacco Master Settlement	2.5		762	762
Sexually Violent Predator Legal Services	3.0		992	992
Medicaid Fraud Staffing Enhancement	1.0	66	197	263
Board of Accountancy Investigation Workload			126	126
SmartBuy		(121)		(121)
Pension Plan 1 Unfunded Liabilities			560	560
Central Service Agency Charges			170	170
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes	20.4	441	6,108	6,549
Total Proposed Budget	1,124.4	10,820	201,705	212,525
Difference	20.4	441	6,108	6,549
Percent Change	1.8%	4.2%	3.1%	3.2%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES

Boldt Case Litigation

The change in timing for this case, Boldt Phase 2 or Culverts, requires an adjustment in expenditure authority between fiscal years. The Attorney General's overall appropriation does not change. Negotiations for the case are ongoing and trial is currently scheduled for March, 2007. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Additional Workload Funding

The level of legal services required by the Department of Fish and Wildlife has increased. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

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Child Abuse and Neglect

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has implemented the changes in child abuse and neglect services required by Chapter 512, Laws of 2005. DSHS has received funding for these services, but the Attorney General needs an increase in its legal services appropriation and billing authority in order to provide related services to the agency. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Health Professions Quality Assurance Databank Checks

The Department of Health (DOH) will increase the number of background checks for health care professionals entering the state. DOH's Health Professions Quality Assurance program proposes to query the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank to determine if action has been taken against an applicant's license in another state. The Attorney General will provide additional legal services to support DOH's efforts. (Legal Services Revolving Fund-State)

DOH - Health Professions Quality

The Department of Health has received funding to enhance the enforcement of regulations for health professions. The Attorney General requires additional legal services appropriation and billing authority for assistance given to DOH for this activity. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Liquor Distribution Litigation

Costco Wholesale Corporation has filed a lawsuit challenging the way in which beer and wine sales are conducted in Washington. Funding is provided for legal services necessary for the state's defense of this suit. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Special Education Litigation

Funding is provided for an ongoing lawsuit regarding the level of state funding dedicated for special education services. Twelve school districts are challenging funding levels on constitutional grounds. This funding is for additional lawsuit-related expenses expected to be incurred through June 30, 2007. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Unfunded Mandates Litigation

Legal services funding is required to defend the state in a lawsuit filed by Spokane County regarding the repayment of costs incurred by the county as a result of newly enacted or amended legislation.

Fuel Tax Litigation

The Department of Licensing requires additional legal services related to fuel tax and prorate law issues and to defend several motor vehicle fuel tax cases brought by Native American tribes against the state. These cases are pending in federal court. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe v. Washington

One-time funding is needed for Assistant Attorney General staff support for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe v. Washington State (Graving Dock) case. Legal services are required for negotiations and possible litigation over a Native American burial site that was disrupted during the construction of a dock necessary for the Hood Canal Bridge reconstruction. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

DSHS Juvenile Litigation

Funding is provided for additional legal services needed to address juvenile litigation workload issues handled by the Attorney General's Spokane Office. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Tobacco Master Settlement

Funding is needed for legal services associated with enforcement activities and litigation related to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. (Health Services Account-State)

Sexually Violent Predator Legal Services

The Office of the Attorney General will provide additional legal services related to the civil commitment of sexually violent predators. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

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Medicaid Fraud Staffing Enhancement

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has experienced an increased caseload for the investigation and enforcement of Medicaid fraud and patient abuse. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Board of Accountancy Investigation Workload

The Board of Accountancy will need additional legal services to support investigations not anticipated in the 2005-07 biennial budget. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)